

HOPKINS COUNTY FARMERS INSTITUTE IS SUCCESSFUL

Meeting Here Full of Interest, With Profitable Discussion By Experts and Listeners

FARMERS INSTITUTE PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED

John G. B. Hall Chosen President and Next Meeting to be Held in City Hall

Attractive Program Will be Arranged By Special Committee Appointed

Officers of the Hopkins County Farmers Institute Club.

John G. B. Hall, President.
Jas. R. Rash, 1st Vice Pres.
Fletcher McCord, 2nd Vice Pres.
Paul M. Moore, Secy. Treas.

Delegates to State Institute.
A. R. Shelton, Delegate.
Fletcher McCord, Alternate.

Speakers and Subjects.

John A. McClure, Director, Corn and Its Cultivation.

R. U. Buckner, Corn and Its Cultivation.

W. H. Strange, Forestry.

John B. Atkinson, Forestry.

W. H. Clayton, Outlook for Orchard in Kentucky.

W. H. Strange, Good Roads and How to Maintain them.

Jno. G. B. Hall, Good Roads and How to Maintain them.

Dr. N. G. Mothershead, Sanitation in the Home.

Dr. W. K. Nisbet, Sanitation in the Home.

W. H. Clayton, Spray Pump on the Farm.

John A. McClure, Alfalfa and Clover—How to Grow.

W. H. Strange, Organization.

W. H. Clayton, Organization.

The Hopkins County Farmers Institute met in the Auditorium

at 9:30 o'clock and was called to order by Mr. J. A. McClure,

Director, of Hickman, Ky.

With Mr. McClure came Messrs.

W. H. Strange, of Harb county,

and W. H. Clayton, of Hebron,

Ky., as experts in various subjects

of interest to the farmer. Mr.

Strange has devoted especial at-

tention to forestry and the good

roads movement, and has done

much work in organization of

farmers institutes. Mr. Clayton

is from near Cincinnati and is an

expert on fruit culture with a

strong leaning to the strawberry.

The first meeting was opened

with prayer by the Rev. W. O.

Brandon, followed by a short and

heartily welcome address by

Mayor Jas. R. Rash and response

by Director McClure. Mr. Mc-

Clure said he and his associates

came under direction of Com-

missioner of Agriculture Rankin

for the sole purpose of doing the

local farmers good, if they could;

that they had at heart the inter-

est of the small farmer especial-

ly, and to show better ways and

how to get better results with

their crops; that if they succeed

in doing this, they would feel

that they had accomplished

something.

Mr. Strange on Forestry.

Mr. W. H. Strange spoke on

forestry, saying he wanted to

get through his talk and hear

from a man here, Mr. Atkinson,

who had been doing things in

forestry in this part of the State.

He spoke of the slaughter of tim-

ber in the pioneer days and how

the streams had dried up follow-

ing the denudation of the lands,

how the hillsides had eroded and

lands been laid waste as a result

of the early extravagance and

destruction. He said this could now be remedied by planting trees on all such waste places and advocated the yellow locust as the best tree for this purpose. Thought they should be planted about five feet apart and in diamonds rather than squares; that this close together they would trim themselves and grow straight stems; believed there would be a profit in cutting for posts after fifteen years, and that when the trees were removed the land would be found restored in fertility. He quoted a Spencer county man who said it was better to grow locust than to purchase an investment life insurance policy; that locust would sometimes cut four posts to the tree at fifteen years of age. Thought every farmer should put a part of his land in locust or some other suitable timber. Estimated \$100 cost to raise one acre of locusts in fifteen years.

Mr. Atkinson Speaks.

Mr. John B. Atkinson spoke briefly on the same topic. Told of beginning to plant black walnuts more than twenty-five years ago, as his first active work in forestry, one hundred bushels of nuts each year, in the bottom lands at first. Later investigated the question as to how long it takes to grow a forest. Investigated oak stumps and was surprised to find one hundred years were required to make an oak tree twelve inches in diameter. Then found it takes fifty years to make a tulip tree twelve inches in diameter, and probably ninety years for the hickory to grow this size. All these under natural forest conditions. He told of planting many thousands of catalpa speciosa and locusts in the past several years and now said cottonwood does well here and will be a valuable timber for the future, on account of its rapid growth. Said thirty-eight years ago, when he came to Kentucky, the practice was to abandon fields when they were worn out growing corn and tobacco. The St. Bernard company came into possession of quite a little of this sort of lands. Some of it has been reclaimed. Said the land generally above the coal veins here was capable of growing most anything. He told of exhibiting grasses and grain, grown on such lands, at the World's Columbian Exposition, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis and other exhibitions, and of prizes taken. One sample had attracted attention especially, at St. Louis, fine timothy hay "fertilized by diluted mine water". This, with all the other grasses exhibited by him at St. Louis, had been captured by Japanese representatives and carried off to Japan.

Mr. Rash suggested that some of the farmers here might try an acre of locust for posts and that, as Mr. Atkinson buys the locust seedlings in large numbers to plant on the St. Bernard lands, he would doubtless be glad to furnish them to the farmers at actual cost to him. Mr. Atkinson acquiesced to this suggestion cheerfully.

Mr. Clayton said of Northern Kentucky, that the ground in his section was filled with locust seeds and abandoned land grows

up with locust like our waste lands grow up with sassafras and persimmon. Said they grew thickly and in clumps, and said he had one grove six or seven years old now yielding fence posts.

Mr. Clayton on Strawberries.

Mr. Clayton addressed the meeting on strawberry culture. He said the strawberry was his first love, that he praised the bridge that took him over the stream. He had been in poor health some years ago and turned to fruit growing. Said the strawberry was the poor man's friend; that quicker cash returns could be had from it than from any other fruit. He grew the strawberry first and added market gardening and orchards, with other small fruits. He said any land that would grow forty bushels of corn to the acre would produce strawberries successfully. Would rather have a good strawberry grower with poor land than the best land with a poor grower. He said Kentucky was near the markets; that we have more water frontage than any other state; that Kentucky has more miles of stone roads than any other state in the union; and that there would be no trouble about markets for the farmer who has anything good to sell. There must be potash in the land to grow good strawberries, and some phosphorus is needed to be added to the soil in Western Kentucky. Said hardwood ashes, unleached, have 10 to 15 percent of potash; that sifted bituminous coal ashes have 4 to 44 percent of potash; the hardwood ashes cost \$15 to \$20 per ton, the coal ashes only have to be saved and used. Stable manure should not be used on strawberries because it contains many grubs, the arch enemy of the strawberry. They should be planted on ground where the weeds and grass had been killed out as thoroughly as possible; should be cultivated well for several years before being planted in berries. Then system of cultivating between rows and mulching would keep them out. Use a cultivator and kill the weeds while they are a burning. His crops average about \$500 per annum. Thought the Western Kentucky lands should grow better crops than that. "No man is far from market except the man who has nothing to sell." He advised the abandoning of tobacco and the growing of strawberries, saying "You can raise strawberries and health. You can raise tobacco and hell."

Director McClure on Corn.

Director McClure spoke in the afternoon on "Corn and its Cultivation." He said seed corn should be selected in the field and its environment carefully noticed, in order not to get ears that were probably fertilized from stalks that grew only on nubbins or inferior corn. He told how seed corn should be tested and each ear proven to be good, so that none but that which is full of vitality should be planted. Believed in a small crop well cultivated rather than a township badly tended. Said the motto should be "Not how much but how well." He never got a good ear of corn off a replant in his life; replants are only good for fodder and are a waste of time. Said the purpose of cultivating corn was to kill the weeds and conserve the moisture. Spoke of the "zone of germination," the first three inches of

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ONE RAILROAD APPROPRIATES

Money to Encourage Better Farming in The West.

Wabash Road Will Help Young Missouri Men in Agricultural Course.

In the hope of greatly improving farm conditions in the territory through which it runs, the Wabash Railroad has decided to set aside the sum of \$50 for each Missouri county touched by its lines, the money to be used by some one who enrolls in the agricultural course at Columbia beginning Jan. 4, says the Chicago Evening Post. The course is to cover seven weeks, and the purpose is to teach young men how to be better farmers. More than a thousand Missouri young men have attended these courses.

The course aims to give the largest amount of practical instruction in corn judging, breeding, growing; in soil fertility, farm crops and farm buildings; in live stock judging, stock breeding, animal breeding, stock farm management, in breeding, feeding and handling dairy cows, in making butter and cheese, and handling of milk products, in diseases of farm animals and their treatment, in growing, handling and selling orchards, in agricultural chemistry, agricultural botany, and injurious insects; in carpentry and blacksmithing, and in poultry husbandry.

BADLY HURT

Radford Crabtree Stabbed by Fellow Employee at L. and N. Shops.

After probably fatally stabbing Radford Crabtree, a fellow employee, Louis Trousdale, nineteen years of age, an employee in the machine shops of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, at South Louisville, held a crowd of workmen at bay with his knife until he worked his way to the door. He fled to his home, 1528 Harney street to walk into the arms of Patrolmen Edwards and McGoff, who were lying in wait for him.

Trousdale and Crabtree are said to have had some trouble over work. Crabtree was stabbed in the back, the knife blade entering the kidney. He was removed to the City Hospital.—Louisville Times.

Crabtree was an employee of the St. Bernard Co. for years and drove a delivery wagon for J. M. Victory. He was also in the service of the I. C. railroad for several years.

Capt. O. L. Powers.

Monday night Co. G, Third regiment, K. S. G., met at the armory to elect a captain to succeed Paul P. Price, whose resignation was accepted Nov. 11, 1909. First Lieutenant and Battalion Adjutant O. L. Powers was elected unanimously.

Capt. Powers has had lots of experience as a soldier and will make the boys a fine company commander. He was a sergeant in Co. A, Third regiment during the Spanish-American war and has been an officer in the regiment for several years. There were no other changes made in the company.

A store "sale" with offerings of real values, will—advertised in this newspaper—be a real sale, not simply one in name. Some merchant is a pertinacious you today.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR

Visited Earlington Graded School And Pronounced it Very Good

SAYS NO BETTER BUILDING ON EQUIPMENTS OUTSIDE LOUISVILLE

Prof. Snow, Dean of the State University, Lexington, Ky., visited the Earlington Graded Public School Tuesday, spending a while in each room to observe the form and see the kind of work being done. Before leaving Earlington he commented very favorably on the school and the manner of its conduct under the various teachers, as well as some of the work of pupils which he witnessed. Prof. Snow was most favorably impressed with the character of the building and equipment. He had not seen anything as good outside of Louisville. He had been visiting various graded and high schools in Kentucky, among them Bowling Green, Hopkinsville and Madisonville. His trip seems to be a tour of observation in behalf of the future of the State University.

RENO NAMED COLLECTOR FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT

Appointment has Been Expected Would Follow the Election.

Owensboro, Ky., Nov. 29.—Lawson Reno, a prominent Republican, and one of Senator Bradley's closest friends, has been appointed Collector of Internal Revenue of the Second Kentucky district, the notice of his appointment being received today.

Mr. Reno is an active business man, and is President of the Central Trust Company, of this city. He will succeed E. T. Franks, who for the past twelve years has held the collectorship of this district.

GRIDIRON DEATHS ARE 29

Twenty-two Players Seriously and Hundreds Slightly Injured This Season.

New York, Nov. 26.—With the football season, statistics show that twenty-nine players lost their lives through the game in different parts of the country this fall, according to a list made public here. Including the two young men who are believed to have been mortally hurt in yesterday's games, twenty-two players were so severely hurt that it was thought they would die. Minor injuries mounted into the hundreds. In 1908 there were thirteen deaths from football injuries and in 1907 there were fourteen.

MONEY FOR TEACHERS

Vouchers Being Sent Out by Supt. Crabbe for Last Two Months.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 29.—Vouchers are being made out today by J. G. Crabbe, Superintendent of Public Instruction, for school teachers' salaries of the State for the past two months, the total amount of which will be over a million dollars.

Treasurer Farley said today that there was no money in the treasury with which to pay these vouchers, but as he expected over a million and a half dollars to be paid in during the month of December he thought the teachers would be paid all that is coming before the next

PRIZES FOR THE CHILD

Attendance and Deportment to be Rewarded in Our Graded School.

Several Earlington Citizens Will Pate in the Distribution

The students in the Earlington Graded Public School in all grades, are interested in prizes to be gained by those making the best records in attendance and deportment for the first half-year, ending shortly after the Holidays. These prizes have not been announced yet, nor have the names of the Earlington citizens, who will give them, been made public. But the children have known for some time that the prizes would be awarded, and the plan is having a good effect upon the attendance and deportment. THE BEE hopes at an early date to be able to publish the full story of these prizes, and feels now to commend this plan, or any other inaugurated for the purpose of stimulating interest in our school work or helping it along in any way. This idea originated with Prof. Maxey and has received the endorsement of a number of friends of the school who have heard of it. If there is any other thing than the schools more important for the people of Earlington to consider, THE BEE has yet to hear of it.

RECEIVERS OF BURLEY SOCIETY HAVE THE \$301,000

Cash Turned Over Following the Suit Of The Planters

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 29.—Lee S. Baldwin and Rufus Lisle, the receivers appointed by Circuit Judge J. M. Benton, of Clark county, to take charge of the funds of the Burley Tobacco Society arising from the pools of 1906 and 1907, formally assumed their duties today when they presented themselves at the office of the society in the McClelland building and received a draft for the \$301,000 in cash now in the banks at Winchester.

ARCTIC HUNTER COMES INTO KY. TOCKY

Harry Payne Whitney, of North Pole Controversy, Fame, and Party at Bowling Green

Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 26.—Harry Payne Whitney, the New Haven sportsman, of Cook-Pearry North Pole controversy fame, and Will Norton and Mr. Turner, of New York, arrived here last night for a few days' hunt. While here they will be entertained by Dr. Auther McCormack. They brought with them a number of dogs and fine sport hunting quail is anticipated.

2,500,000 Pounds of Tobacco Sold by "One Sucker" Pool

Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 29.—The board of Control of the "One Sucker" Tobacco District pool closed a contract today with the American Tobacco Company for the sale of two and one-half million pounds of tobacco with W. T. Grant & Co., of Louisville, for two million pounds at good prices. There still about three million pounds of tobacco in the pool. The pool is being sold by J. E. Phillips, Cashier, next